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FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2520

INFO AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP

SUBJECT: USE OF TUNISIAN PORTS AND TRIPOLI  
HARBOR CONGESTION

1. LIBYAN PORTS & LIGHTS CORPORATION HAS INFORMED IMPORTERS OF BUILDING MATERIALS THAT, DUE TO CURRENT CONSTRUCTION WORK AND CONGESTION TRIPOLI PORT AND CONSEQUENT UNLOADING DELAYS, BUILDING MATERIALS (PARTICULARLY CEMENT) SHOULD BE SHIPPED DIRECT TO GABES PORT. CARGO WILL PROCEED TO TRIPOLI BY ROAD. THE P.L.C. DID NOT STATE HOW LONG THIS INSTRUCTION WOULD APPLY.

2. SINCE EARLY 1973 THE TUNISIAN PORTS OF SFAX AND GABES, HAVE BEEN UTILIZED AS SUB-PORTS FOR TRIPOLI, BUT ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF IMPORTERS

HAVE ACTUALLY USED THEM. AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN LARG AND TUNISIA WAS MADE IN 1972 FOR THE USE OF THE TUNISIAN PORTS TO PREVENT DELAYS IN DISCHARGING AT TRIPOLI.

3. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS APPROXIMATELY 160 SHIPS ARE CURRENTLY WAITING TO UNLOAD IN TRIPOLI  
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AND THAT WAITING TIME VARIES BETWEEN 10-45 DAYS DEPENDING

ON NATURE OF CARGO.

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